

God Speaks to Jeremiah The Lamenting Prophet

I. Testimony of Jeremiah – 1:1-19

1. Jeremiah and his period – 1:1-3
He was the son of Hilkiah, a priest
He lived in Anathoth, in land of Benjamin
Latter days of Josiah – King of Judah
Time also of King Jehoiakim & Zedekiah
Until time of captivity of Jerusalem
2. God's Call to Jeremiah – 1:4-10
God set him aside to be a prophet before birth
Jeremiah protested as a youth & non-speaker
God would not allow him to object
God would speak through him & be with him
No need to be afraid of the people
Lord put out his hand & touched his mouth - 10
3. His mission was to speak for God – 1:9-10
Ministry to nations and kingdoms
To pluck up and to break down
To destroy and to overthrow
To build and to plant
4. Jeremiah's visions confirming his call – 1:11-19
Vision of an almond branch – 11-12
God keeps watch over response to His Word
Vision of boiling pot from the north – 13-19
God will bring trouble to Judah for failure to obey
His will is they submit to God's discipline in exile

II. God's Message to Judah – 2-45

1. God's indictment on Judah – 2-20
They have forsaken the Lord – 1-4 (note 2:12-13)
No repentance will bring judgment – 5-6
Judah's evil and idolatry – 7-10
Unfaithful to their covenant with God – 11-20
Listened to lying prophets – 14:13-16
Persecuted God's prophet – 20:1-2
2. God's warning of impending judgment – 21-25
Jerusalem will fall to Nebuchadnezzar – 21
Seventy years of captivity – 25
Trust God and He will restore you to your land
3. Conflict with lying prophets - 26-29
Hananiah predicts deliverance in 2 yrs. – 28:1-4
Jeremiah & Shemaiah conflict over 70 yrs - 29
4. God promises a New Covenant – 30-33
Messiah will bring reconciliation with God
New Covenant brings inward transformation – 31:34
God's promises to His people will be fulfilled – 32-33
Israel's land is secure & David's son will reign
5. God's judgment must fall on Judah – 34-39
Jerusalem will fall to Babylon – 34-39
Jeremiah's final warning to King Zedekiah – 38:14-28
If you surrender to Babylon your life will be spared – 38:17

- The city of Jerusalem will not be burned
For fear of the people Zedekiah rejects his counsel
6. Jeremiah remains with those left in Judah – 40-45
He warns the leaders not to go to Egypt for help – 42
They flee to Egypt against Jeremiah's counsel – 43
Jeremiah tells them judgment will come in Egypt – 44
Jeremiah shares with Baruch destruction of Jerusalem – 45
What God has built He is now going to destroy
But as Isaiah said (Isa. 44-45) Cyrus will restore the Temple

III. Prophecies Concerning Nations – 46-51

1. Against Egypt – 46
2. Against Philistia – 47
3. Against Moab – 48
4. Against Ammon – 49:1-6
5. Against Edom – 49:7-22
6. Against Damascus – 49:23-27
7. Against Kedar & Hazor – 49:28-33
8. Against Elam – 49:34-39
9. Against Babylon – 50-51

IV. Jeremiah's Prediction Fulfilled - 52

1. King Zedekiah is captured – 52:1-11
Refusing to surrender he is captured
His sons are killed before his eyes & officials also
King's eyes are put out & he is put in prison in Babylon
2. Temple & Jerusalem burned with fire – 12-23
3. People taken into exile in Babylon – 24-30
Lamentations comes with fall of Jerusalem